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Fish Processing



Industry Highlights

The Fish Processing Industry captures the processing of seafood products and services incidental to fishing such as fishing protection and inspection services.

Between 2017 and 2021, annual average employment* increased by 34.6%, from 2,600 to 3,500 in the industry.

Back injury rates increased



30

per cent

since 2017

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Eye injury rate is

2.7

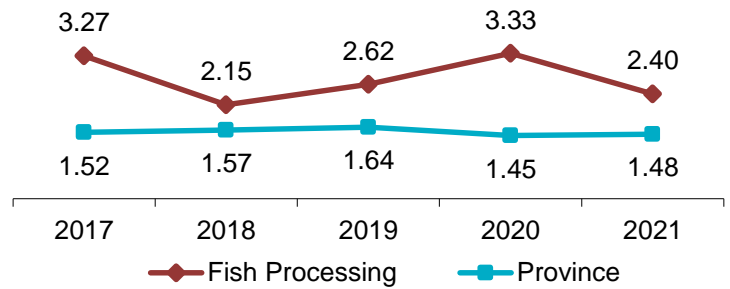
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higher than the provincial rate

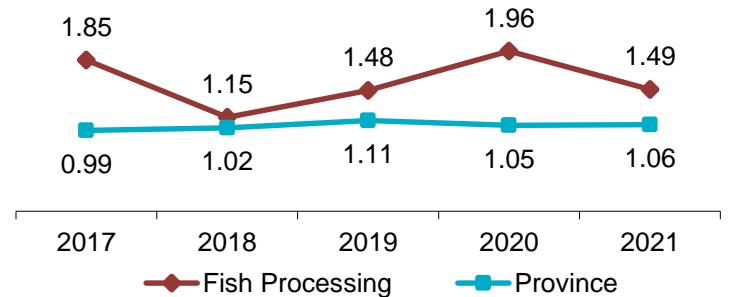
*Source: Statistics Canada – Employment rebased January, 2021

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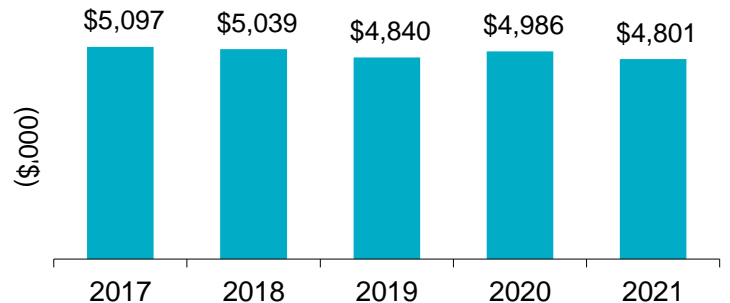
Lost-time Incidence Rate/100 Employees



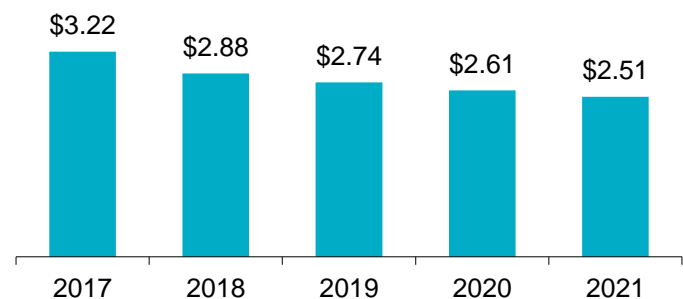
Soft Tissue Incidence Rate/100 Employees



Total Claim Payments



Average Assessment Rate



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	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Lost-time	85	71	76	80	84	3,386	3,522	3,720	3,106	3,259
Health Care Only	45	77	44	21	29	1,561	1,697	1,651	1,161	1,130
Fatalities	0	0	0	1	1	25	36	26	35	18
Paid Weeks (000's)	11.8	10.8	9.9	9.5	8.7	243.5	244.3	251.5	262.4	265.1

Lost-time claims by top 5 type of accidents, 2017-2021

Type of Accident	% Total Lost-time Claims
Fall to floor, walkway, or other surface	14%
Overexertion in lifting	10%
Caught in/compressed by equipment/objects	6%
Bending/climbing/crawling/reaching/twisting	5%
Fall onto or against objects	4%

Lost-time claims by top 5 parts of body injured, 2017-2021

Body Part	% Total Lost-time Claims
Multiple body parts	16%
Finger(s), fingernail(s)	10%
Shoulder, clavicle, scapula, trapezius	9%
Hand(s), except finger(s)	7%
Lumbo-sacral region	5%

Lost-time claims by top 5 nature of injuries, 2017-2021

Nature of Injury	% Total Lost-time Claims
Sprains, strains, tears	27%
Fractures	10%
Soreness, pain, hurt, except the back	7%
Bruises, contusions	7%
Cuts, lacerations	7%

Lost-time claims by top 5 occupations, 2017-2021

Occupations	% Total Lost-time Claims
Fish plant workers	40%
Labourers fish processing	37%
Specialized cleaners	3%
Janitors/caretakers/superintendents	3%
Testers/graders food processing	2%

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